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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
CONFIGURING HANDHELD  
ELECTRONIC DEVICES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0012] with following:

a' The loading station 116 is generally indifferent to the specific types of physical connections illustrated in Fig. 1 by connection 140. The present invention can load handheld devices using Universal Serial Bus (USB), RS-232, InfraRed (IR), FireWire, BlueTooth, as well as other connection media. The transfer component 117 of the loader 116 that actually transfers data back and forth over the physical medium 140 through port 124 has been abstracted such that it sees all of the different connection types as the same,